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SUBJECT: BRITISH NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM

HMG IS SEEKING TO ACCELERATE U.K. PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS. THE CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD (CEGB) HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT PLANNING APPLICATION FOR HTR, SGHWR AND LWR PLANTS AT SIZEWELL IN SUFFOLK WHERE CEGB ALREADY HAS A MAGNOX STATION IN OPERATION AND A PENDING APPLICATION FOR AN AGR. ACCELERATED PROGRAM IS ATTRIBUTED TO BUOYANT ECONOMY AND INCREASED ELECTRICITY DEMAND PROJECTIONS.

SUBMISSION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOW FOR THREE ADDITIONAL REACTOR TYPES WILL CUT LEAD TIME FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PERMIT CHOICE OF ANY OF FOUR TYPES WHEN FINAL DECISION IS MADE. LIKELIEST CHOICE SEEMS TO BE AGR FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY HTR WITH LWR AND SGHWR LESS FAVORED.

CHOICE OF REACTOR WILL BE MADE BY GOVERNMENT'S NUCLEAR POWER ADVISORY BOARD WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS PETER WALKER, SECRETARY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. MEMBERS OF BOARD HAVE BEEN SELECTED BUT NAMES NOT PUBLICIZED PENDING THEIR ACCEPTANCE.

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ACTUAL ORDERING OF NEXT NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR PRO-

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